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APPENDIX II.

[Vide page 3173 supra.]

Proceedings of the thirteenth meeting for 1922-23 of the Standing Finance Committee of the Madras Legislative Council held at Fort St. George on Friday, the 23rd March 1923.

PRESENT:

- (1) The Hon'ble Sir CHARLES TODHUNTER, K.C.S.I. (Chairman).
 - (2) M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur O. NATESA MUDALIYAR Avargal.
 - (3) " Rao Bahadur T. A. RAMALINGA CHETTIYAR Avargal.
 - (4) Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB.
 - (5) Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN.
 - (6) Mr. C. E. WOOD.
 - (7) M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur O. TANIKACHALA CHETTIYAR Avargal.
- (Messrs. MACDOUGALL and RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR did not attend.)

Read scheme relating to the Medical College at Vizagapatam and Medical School, Guntūr.

[The ultimate cost of buildings required for the new college at Vizagapatam is about 5 lakhs and the annual recurring cost is about 3 lakhs. The immediate cost is 1.74 lakhs made up of .22 lakh for staff and 1.52 lakhs for buildings and equipment.

In regard to the Medical school at Guntūr it is proposed to acquire land at a cost of about Rs. 24,200 for the construction of buildings.]

The Committee, by a majority, recommended the acceptance of the proposal.

2. *Read* draft order amending clause (i) in rule 10 in Annexure VII of the Madras Travelling Allowance Rules (page 34 of G.O. No. 739, Finance, dated 1st September 1922) relating to travelling allowances of the members of the Madras Legislative Council.

The Committee recommended that for "one first-class and one third-class fare" as stated in the draft order, "1½ first-class fares" should be substituted.

3. The following paper was placed on the table:—

G.O. No. 474, P.H., dated 22nd March 1923, sanctioning the grant of Rs. 20,000 towards the cost of extension and improvements to the Union Mission Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Madanapalle.

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FINANCIAL POSITION RESULTING FROM THE VOTING OF DEMANDS FOR GRANTS FOR 1923-24.

4. The Chairman explained the position as follows: The revenue for 1923-24 is expected to be improved by about 4 lakhs of rupees, the net result of an anticipated increase of about 6 lakhs under Excise and a decrease of 2 lakhs under Forest, the latter being the minimum reduction of revenue anticipated from the reduction made by the Legislative Council in charges for the extraction of timber on Government account by one lakh of rupees. In regard to *expenditure* the total amount entered in the preliminary budget for 1923-24, which was presented to the Council, has been reduced by the vote of the Council by 9 07 lakhs and the reductions which have already been made by the Government together with those they hope to make amount to 5.96 lakhs. The net result on the deficit will be a reduction from 40 lakhs to about 21 lakhs, while it is hoped that, if assignments from the Government of India which are expected materialise, this Government will secure credits of 15 lakhs in 1922-23 and of 6 lakhs in 1923-24.

ADDITIONAL DEMANDS FOR 1923-24.

5. The Committee recommended the acceptance of the proposal to move the following additional demands for 1923-24 at the meeting of the 27th March 1923:—

	RS.
(1) <i>Special pay of Deputy Collectors employed on revision of adangals; special pay of Assistant Settlement Officers; special pay of Assistant Director of Survey, Controlling office; and charge allowance to Assistant Directors of Survey in charge of Survey Parties</i>	13,000

The Council to be asked to vote expenditure for five months on account of the foregoing items; by that time the proposals of the Retrenchment Committee in regard to allowances will be fully considered and orders passed.

	RS.
(2) <i>Director of Office Systems</i>	11,550

(Against the provision of Rs. 23,100 previously entered which was negatived by the Council.)

The staff must be paid in April for work done in March. The Committee recommended that provision should be made for six months' charges to enable them, in the interests of economy, to wind up the inquiries that are now in hand.

	RS.
(3) <i>Commercial Accountant</i>	20,000

Required for putting the accounts of several commercial concerns in the various Government departments on a business footing.

	RS.
(4) <i>Publicity Bureau</i>	3,400

Additional provision required for continuing the officer for a short period to enable him to complete the issue of the Madras Year Book on which he is at present engaged.

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(5) <i>Revision of pay of Stationary Sub-Magistrates.</i> —Orders revising the scale of pay of Stationary Sub-Magistrates were issued quite recently, and, as the current official year is about to close, it is not possible to utilize the provision made for this purpose in the current year's budget which will consequently lapse. The provision which will thus lapse has to be reallocated in next year's budget	RS.	
		21,600
(6) <i>Police—Plague Police.</i> —To restore the provision that was cut out as a result of last year's voting		25,000
(7) <i>Medical—Vizagapatam Medical College and Guntur Medical School</i> [by a majority]		1,94,000
(8) <i>Chief Inspector of Factories.</i> —The post of Chief Inspector of Factories has been abolished by the vote of the Legislative Council. The Chief Inspector is under the rules entitled to three months' notice of discharge and a gratuity of seven months' pay.		10,220
(9) <i>Acquisition of the building in which the Coonoor Veterinary Hospital is located</i>		9,500
(10) <i>Agency.</i> —A reduction of 5 lakhs was made by the Legislative Council. The reduced provision will be inadequate and an addition of 4 40 lakhs is necessary		4,40,000
(11) <i>Irrigation—Capital outlay not charged to Revenue</i> . .		1,76,000
<i>Demands under Loans and Advances by the Provincial Government</i>		8,00,000
(Loan to the Madras Corporation for Mambalam Town-Planning scheme—5 lakhs; and loan for the Tuticorin Harbour—3 lakhs.)		

6. The question was considered whether a portion of the provision of Rs. 19,250 entered in the preliminary budget for 1922-23 for the pay of the Retrenchment Secretary (non-voted) for seven months should not be resumed, the committee's inquiry being completed so far as possible by May 1923. The committee were of opinion that the whole provision should be retained and that the proper course was to complete the inquiry now in progress.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
24th March 1923.

C. G. TODHUNTER.

* It was subsequently decided by the Government that demands for items (5) and (7) need not be moved at present and that a demand of 23 lakh for 'Education—University' should be moved.